



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

### KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: July 22, 2013

Complaint Number: 13-132305

Type of Incident: Personal Injury crash/ Car vs. Pedestrian

Reporting Officer: Deputy Dannenberg

Supervisor Approval: Sgt J Kelley

On July 22, 2013 a Kent County Deputy discovered a personal injury crash while on patrol. The crash had just occurred when the deputy drove through the area. The crash occurred in Cascade Township at Thornapple River Dr and Cascade Road.

90 year old Robert Pankhurst was attempting to cross Thornapple River Dr. He was crossing at the intersection when he was struck by a 2008 Honda Odyssey driven by 45 year old Samukatha Chermala. Pankhurst sustained serious injuries and was transported to Butterworth Hospital by Life EMS where he's listed in critical condition. Chermala did not sustain any injuries.

The crash remains under investigation.